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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DANISH PRIME MINISTER

1. ON JANUARY 13 ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST CONVEYED FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DANISH AMBASSADOR BORCH. PRESSING DOMESTIC CONCERNS HAVE SEVERELY CURTAILED TIME WHICH THE PRESIDENT CAN DEVOTE TO DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN VISITORS DURING FIRST HALF OF 1978 -- INCLUDING SEVERAL HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE. THE PRESIDENT GREATLY WISHES TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO US TIES WITH DENMARK, A VALUED FRIEND AND ALLY, AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S LEADERSHIP ROLE -- PARTICULARLY DURING THE PERIOD OF DENMARK'S EC COUNCIL PRESIDENCY.

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WOULD BE OFFERED; (B) A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT ON THE MARGIN OF THE MAY 30-31 NATO SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON.

3. VEST SAID THE PRESIDENT HAD GIVEN THIS MATTER THE MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION, AND DEEPLY REGRETTED THAT, DURING THIS PERIOD, HE COULD NOT REPLY NOT DEVOTE AS MUCH TIME TO SEEING THE PRIME MINISTER AS HE WOULD LIKE TO DO. THE PRESIDENT SINCERELY HOPED ONE OF THE TWO SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

4. BORCH THANKED VEST AND SAID HE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH. HE CALLED VEST JANUARY 14 TO SAY THE FOLLOWING. HE KNOWS THE PRIME MINISTER HAS THE FULLEST RESPECT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S BURDENS AND EQUAL UNDERSTANDING FOR RESULTANT SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES. HE BELIEVES THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE GLAD TO ACCEPT THE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION TO MEET IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY. THE DANES WOULD HOPE THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT COULD OFFER A LUNCHEON FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, AND THAT SECRETARY VANCE WOULD MEET WITH HIM AND GIVE A LUNCHEON. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER AND THEIR WIVES PLANNED TO COME WITH THEM. THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO WISHED TO SEE A NUMBER OF CABINET OFFICIALS DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON, AFTER WHICH HE WOULD LIKE TO TOUR THE STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND IN OMAHA BEFORE A PRIVATE VISIT TO LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO. BORCH BELIEVES THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD PREFER OPTION (A).

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